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The Israeli Link to the IRS Scandal

THE WAY I SEE IT

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Jumping for joy, some patriots point out that the traditionally "liberal"media is dumping on the Obama administration and expressing disgust that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was targeting tea party and conservative groups.

"Things are so bad," patriots say, "even the media has come around and realizes how rotten Obama, Eric Holder and the IRS are."

Well, it's not quite that simple.

If nine months ago you were carefully reading the Aug. 13, 2012 issue of AMERICAN FREE PRESS, you wouldn't be surprised at the media's disdain for the president, his attorney general and the IRS.

Here's what AFP reported, foreshadowing the scandals that some say could lead to the impeachment of the president:

> Both supporters and opponents of President Obama are concerned about negative political repercussions likely to arise from an ongoing high-level criminal investigation.
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> It is not widely known that the Obama administration's attorney general, Eric Holder, has upset some powerful people by launching a federal grand jury inquiry into wealthy Americans who have, according to a June 19 report from CNBC, "hidden money in Israel, many for generations," in violation of U.S. tax laws.
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> Two of Israel's biggest banks — Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim — are reportedly central to the inquiry and note that in 2008 the Israeli government's controlling interest in Leumi was purchased by Cerberus, the Wall Street syndicate run by Stephen Feinberg, described by Israel's *Ha'aretz* as "a New York Jew with a golden touch."

Since AFP first focused on that little-noticed grand jury — predicting trouble for Obama and Holder as a consequence of this inquiry — the IRS-Justice Department investigation actually escalated.

In recent months, multiple numbers of Jewish people with secret Israeli bank accounts have been charged by the Obama Internal Revenue Service and Justice Department.

On May 19, *The Jerusalem Post* reported a Tel Aviv-based banker with United Mizrahi Bank "pleaded guilty to setting up secret bank accounts in Israel that, prosecutors say, helped charitable contributors to an Orthodox Jewish group evade U.S. taxes." A Jewish rabbi in New York, Moshe E. Zigeman, also pleaded guilty to his part in the scheme, which the Justice Department claimed defrauded the U.S. government out of millions in taxes.

In the wake of all of this, a loud congressional voice for Israel, Rep. Sander Levin (D-Mich.), issued a sharply worded letter to the IRS demanding to know if pro-Israeli groups had been targeted by the IRS along with the tea party. In fact, according to the May 19 issue of the influential Jewish newspaper *The Jewish Press*, "Pro-Israeli groups were targeted."

All of this — at a time when the president seems disinclined to attack Iran or invade Syria (projects of special concern to Israel) — might explain why the big media (largely controlled by families and financial groups that are firm supporters of Israel) has begun savaging the president, his attorney general and the IRS.

And that's the way I see it.

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